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SUBJ: US/EC CONSULTATIONS: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS' MEETING MAY 12/13

1. IRISH POLITICAL DIRECTOR NOEL DORR BRIEFED US LATE MAY 14 ON

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MAY 12/13 MEETING OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS. SEPTELS REPORT ON

DISCUSSION OF VIETNAM, MIDDLE EAST, AND CSCE. ITEMS COVERED IN THIS CABLE ARE PORTUGAL, CYPRUS, THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE AGENDA FOR EC FONMINS' MEETING OF MAY 26.

2. PORTUGAL: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS CONCLUDED ON THE BASIS OF REPORTS RECEIVED FROM EXPERTS ON THEIR STAFFS THAT RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS HAD BEEN SATISFACTORY. MUCH WOULD NOW DEPEND ON RESURGENCE OF THE MODERATES IN THE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT, AND THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS VERY MUCH HOPED THAT RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS WOULD ENCOURAGE THESE MODERATES. THERE IS A REMAINING FEAR OF A SPLIT BETWEEN THE AFM AND THE DEMOCRATIC PARTIES, PARTICULARLY IF THE ECONOMY SHOULD GET VERY BAD. THE EC WISH IS TO ENCOURAGE PORTUGAL TOWARD MODERATION IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY: BY PROVIDING CONCRETE ECONOMIC HELP, BY ENCOURAGING VISITS BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND EC LEADERS, AND BY DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS DID NOT DISCUSS THE ECONOMIC DETAILS CONSIDERED IN THE EC COUNCIL (BRUSSELS 4035). IN GENERAL, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS NOW THINK IT BEST TO "SHOW THE CARROT RATHER THAN THE STICK" TO THE PORTUGUESE. (THIS LATTER WAS DORR'S OWN SUMMING UP RATHER THAN A FORMAL EXPRESSION OF THE MEETING.) DORR NOTED THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO HAVE THE DIRECTORS' REVIEW CONVEYED THROUGH HIM TO THE USG BY THIS BRIEFING.

3. CYPRUS: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGAIN REVIEWED THE SITUATION AND PARTICULARLY THE TALKS IN VIENNA UNDER AUSPICES OF UNSYG. DURING THE MEETING, NEWS ALSO CAME IN THAT THE GREEK AND TURKISH FONMINS WILL BE MEETING SOON IN ROME. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS THEREFORE DECIDED THAT THEY SHOULD DEFER CONSIDERING ANY EC STEPS.

4. UN: THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS NOTED THAT THEIR EXPERTS WERE UNDERTAKING AN ACTIVE, CONTINUING STUDY OF UN PROBLEM. ONE IMPORTANT TOPIC WILL BE A STUDY OF MEANS TO KEEP THE NINE CLOSER TOGETHER IN UN ACTIONS. MUCH OF THE DETAIL IN THE UN STUDY WILL BE ECONOMIC, WHICH MEANS THAT A GREAT DEAL OF THE WORK WILL BE DONE AT BRUSSELS. (EMBASSY COMMENT: THIS LOOKS TO US LIKE A PARTICULARLY GOOD SUBJECT FOR US/EC CONSULTATIONS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO MAKE SOME NEW INPUT INTO EC THINKING.)

5. FONMINS' MEETING: IT NOW APPEARS CERTAIN THE NEXT FONMINS' MEETING IN DUBLIN WILL HAVE TO TAKE PLACE ONLY ON MAY 26 BECAUSE

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OF HEAVY COMMITMENTS BY MINISTERS THE REST OF THE WEEK. THE AGENDA WILL BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO CONSIDER ANY URGENT ITEMS ARISING BETWEEN NOW AND THEN, BUT THE FOCUS OF THE AGENDA WILL BE MANY OF THOSE TOPICS COVERED BY POLITICAL DIRECTORS THIS WEEK.  
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